GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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MISUSE OF ANTI-DUMPING RULES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries are misusing the anti-dumping rules against Indian products:

(b) if so, the names of such countries alongwith the number of such cases came to the notice of the Government:

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard: and

(d) the concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a,) to (c) The `WTO Agreement on Anti-dumping Practices` regulates anti-dumpingactions of member countries against their trading partners. Anti-dumping investigations are basically targetted against the discriminatory pricing practices engaged in by individual business enterprises. The Government of India, as such, is not a party to anti-dumping investigations against Indian export products. However, if a targeted Indian Company feels that the investigating authorities have not followed the procedural requirements or the substantive rules prescribed under the WTO Agreement on Anti-dumping Practices, it can eithertake recourse to the `judicial review` under the domestic law of the member countries imposing anti-dumping measures or approach the Government of India for taking up the issue under WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU) for consultation or for establishing a Panel.The details of such cases reported to the Government for taking them up under the WTO DSU are as under:-

PRODUCT	COUNTRY	STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT
Unbleached Cotton Fabric	European Union	Indian Government had intense consultations with the member states of the European Union. The proposal of the European Commission to levy definitive anti-dumping duties was finally turned down by the Advisory Council comprising Foreign Ministers of European Union Member States.
Bed Linen	European Union	The Government contested the European Commission`s decision to impose anti-dumping duties against bed linen exports from India, through WTO-DSU. On a request made by the Indian Government, a Panel under WTO has been constituted. The proceedings before the Panel are on.
Acrylic Blankets	South Africa	The Government through its Mission in Johanesburg, has entered into consultations with the South African Authorities to review their decision to impose definitive anti-dumping duties against Acrylic Blankets exports from India.

In respect of certain trading partners who have tended to use anti-dumping measures against India more frequently, the Government has been conveying its concern to them during various bilateral and other meetings.

(d) The Government has set up a `Coordination Cell` in the Department of Commerce, underan officer of the rank of Additional Secretary to Government of India, to coordinate with allagencies involved in the defence of an anti-dumping investigation . The Cell extends necessary assistance to the targetted Indian companies through Export Promotion Councils. The CoordinationCell has also

sensitized all the Missions of Government of India over the issue and has askedthem to report to the Cell about the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation as soon as the same comes to their notice. The Government alongwith other developing countries has submitted several proposals to the WTO aimed at improvement in the implementation of the WTOAgreement on Anti dumping Practices.